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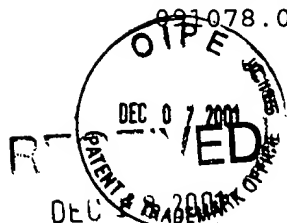
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

This Information Disclosure Statement includes English translations of previously submitted references in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 on June 11, 2001. In addition, Applicant received an Office Action mailed October 22, 2001 in Divisional Application Serial No. 09/835,282, which

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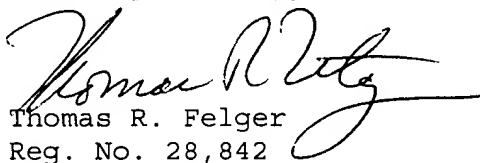
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is a division of this parent application. This Information Disclosure Statement also includes the newly cited references in the divisional application for the Examiner's review and consideration in this parent application. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these reference are material to the patentability of the present application.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$180.00. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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